

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed July 9, 2007. Applicant notes that claims 18-19, 21-26, 28-30, and 45, 47-54 are pending for examination in this application. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter for the instant application. Claim 1-17 has been cancelled as non-elected subject matter. Claim 49 and 50 have been indicated as being allowable and subject matter has been incorporated into claim 45. Hence, claims 49 and 50 have been cancelled without disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant believes that all the pending claims have either been allowable or stand with allowable subject matter. In the Office Action claims 28, 29, 53 and 54 are allowed. As noted in the Office Action, claims 20, 24-25, 47 and 50 were objected to and not rejected in the Office Action. We understand from the examiner that the subject matter of the noted claims are allowable. Independent claim 18 has been amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 20. Hence, claim 18 and dependent claims 19, 21, 22, 23 and 26 are believed to be allowable. (Claims 23 and 26 are requested to be rejoined with claim 18). Claim 47 has been rewritten in independent form for allowance. Independent claim 45 has been amended with the allowable subject matter of claims 49 and 50. Hence, dependent claims 48-54 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance for claims 18-19, 21-26, 28-30, and 45, 47-54. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed number. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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